



Dan's the man and other events at West Berks

THE FINAL round of the Gillas Cup played yesterday (Sunday) was a close run thing as was the final placing of the overall winner of the three round competition.

Paul Barton with 42 points beat Bill Hancock on count-back to win the final round. Chris Ramsey, Christy Whelehan and Paul Beake were a point behind with Chris taking third place on count-back, while just behind the leaders were Andrew Greaves, Dan Bowsher and Keith Wilkins in a three way-tie on 40 points.

In the event Dan Bowsher won the overall competition adding to his best previous score of 42 in Round 1 to yield an aggregate of 82. He won by a single point from Chris Ramsey who made a brave bid to retain the title he won last year but came up just short. Paul Barton's winning round in the final took him up the leader board into a three-way tie with Christy Whelehan and Keith Wilkins with Paul taking third place on count-back.

Gillas Cup 2019 Final Placings

| | R1 | R2 | Best | Final | Total |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|-------|
| Dan Bowsher | 42 | 29 | 42 | 40 | 82 |
| Chris Ramsey | 40 | 30 | 40 | 41 | 81 |
| Paul Barton | 37 | 34 | 37 | 42 | 79 |
| C. Whelehan | - | 38 | 38 | 41 | 79 |
| Keith Wilkins | 36 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 79 |

Price is right for medal

Colin Price won Division 1 of the November Medal on Sunday November 3 with a gross 76, net 66, Greg Collins gross

73, net 67 took second place beating Gary Robinson gross 77, net 67 on count-back. Terry Storrar won Division 2 with net 66 winning on count-back from Chris Prior while Dan Bowsher was third on net 68. Bob Griffiths won Division 3 with net 68, Paul Barton took second spot on net 69 while Paul Beake with net 72 claimed third placed.

It's Andy G in midweek

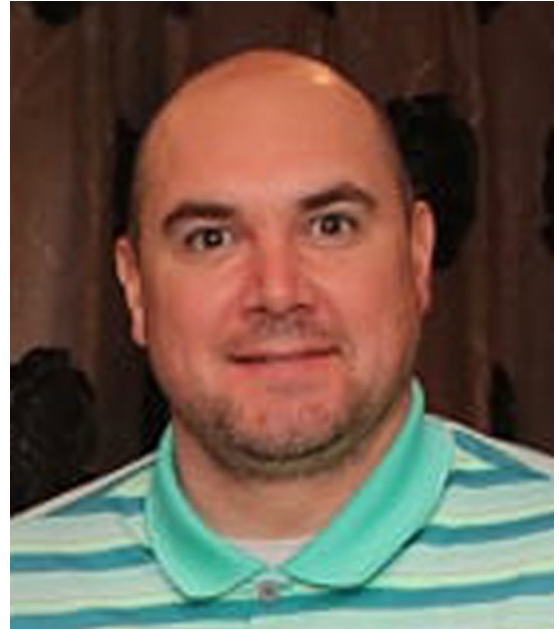
Andy Grayson won a three-way tie on 38 points to take the men's midweek stableford on Monday October 28 with Steve Daly and Liam Bint placed second and third respectively on count-back.

Nap hand from seniors

Our seniors under the stewardship of our new captain, Rob Bridgeman, made it five wins from five matches in the M4 Seniors Winter League with a fine 4-0 away win at Donnington Grove. Although it was a comprehensive victory the individual matches were much closer than the score suggests.

Ladies' winter league gets underway

The 2019 ladies' winter league has been delayed by the poor weather of late and finally got underway on Saturday when Jane Brackenbury got off to a flying start



Dan Bowsher wins Gillas

with 38 points. Tina Mulford took second spot with 36 points and Sandy Miller was third with 27.

Walsh and Classic decided

Congratulations are in order to Luke Prestoe and Dan Taylor who won the Walsh Shield, the men's foursomes KO comp and Chris Hunt and (that man Dan again) Bowsher who won the Classic Trophy, the four-ball better ball competition.

A Rules update to brighten up November and beyond

IN 1844 the English poet, Thomas Hood, wrote:

*No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, -
November!*

This month also has its difficulties for golfers. Soggy underfoot, a generous coating of fallen leaves and, every now and then, an unfriendly and potentially card-wrecking embedded lie.

But it's worth reminding ourselves of the new rules introduced in January. Under the old rules, relief from an embedded lie was limited to closely mown areas and it was

only by local rules that this could be extended to other areas.

Rule 16.3 under the new rules gives relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the 'general area' (the new term for 'through the green'). A Local Rule restricting relief to areas cut to fairway height can be introduced but it is thought that it is very unlikely that any club will do so.

So if a ball is embedded off the fairway it may be cleaned and dropped within one club length not nearer the hole.

A glimpse of sunshine in a soggy month.

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Details on men's winter league

What's on for rest of 2019

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Ladies' AGM and Awards

THE LADIES' 2019 AGM and annual award ceremony was held at the club on Saturday November 9.

The following awards were made:

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| <i>Most Improved Player:</i> | <i>Tina Mulford</i> |
| <i>Most Birdies:</i> | <i>Jane Brackenbury</i> |
| <i>England Golf best four medal rounds:</i> | <i>Tina Mulford</i> |
| <i>Summer Eclectic winner:</i> | <i>Tina Mulford</i> |
| <i>Summer Eclectic +28 handicap:</i> | <i>Georgie Seaman</i> |
| <i>Armstrong Salver winner:</i> | <i>Sian Soanes</i> |

Congratulations to all the winners.

As before

At the AGM it was decided to continue with the system that worked well last year.

There will be no lady captain appointed but events will be run by an organising group that shares the duties.

Well done the organising group for handling the ladies' events so efficiently in 2019 and the best of luck to all concerned for 2020.



Multi-award winner Tina Mulford with the Most Improved Player shield

The rest of 2019 at WBGC

November:

- Tue 12 Mixed: Portuguese Caddy Trophy
- Sat 16 Men: Stableford
Ladies: Winter League
- Sun 17 Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup
- Wed 20 **CLUB AGM 1930hr**
- Sat 23 Ladies: Winter League
- Sun 24 Men: Winter League R1
- Sat 30 Ladies: Winter League

December:

- Sun 1 Men: Winter League R2
- Tue 3 Ladies: Winter Trophy Stableford
- Sat 7 Men and Ladies Fun Comp
- Sun 8 Men: Winter Competition
- Tue 10 Ladies: 8-hole comp & Xmas Lunch
- Wed 11 Men: Midweek Turkey Trot Singles
Ladies: Midweek Turkey Trot singles
- Sat 14 Men & Ladies: Turkey Trot Singles
- Sun 15 **CAPTAIN'S DRIVE-IN**
Men & Ladies: Turkey Trot Team

Let Christmas commence

YOU WILL note that on December 7 a mixed Christmas Fun competition will be held at West Berks. It is open to men and ladies and promises to be good fun.

Why not get into the Christmas spirit and support the event.

See notice board in top lobby for more details.

Winter is upon us

WE DON'T need the wet, dank weather and the falling leaves to tell us that winter is upon us as a glance at the notice board indicates that the men's and ladies' winter league competitions are under way.

In fact the ladies' competition should have commenced at the end of October but the bad weather delayed the start until last Saturday.

The men's wintry haul is due to start on Sunday November 24 and goes through until the end of February. It's a pairs stableford competition played off the yellow tees on Sundays with a different format every week.

The programme is as follows:

| Fixture | Format |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Round 1 November 24 | Better ball stableford |
| Round 2 December 1 | Texas Scramble |
| Round 3 January 12 | Three clubs and putter |
| Round 4 January 26 | 1,2 1,2 better ball stableford |
| Round 5 February 9 | Greensomes |
| Round 6 February 23 | Multiplier |

An entry fee of £10 a pair for the overall prize competition is to be paid in the pro-shop before the first round. There will be cash prizes for the first six teams.

Entry to the prize competition is optional and members may enter any round in the usual way and compete for the individual round prize. Subs are allowed - see details on notice board. Stamps must be placed on the competition sheet in the usual way.

Join in and have some winter fun while supporting the club.

For full details please see the notice board in the main lobby.